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Applicant : BAST et al.
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Title : Methods of Use of Gemifloxacin Compounds Against
Fluoroquinolone Resistant Streptococcus Pneumoniae Bacteria

Commissioner for Patents
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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Dear Sir,

Please amend the above-identified application as follows:

Amendments to the Specification begin on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 3 of this paper.